Walpole Primary School
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Our purpose is to contribute to each student’s physical, emotional and academic development and to assist them to foster positive values as participants in an ever-changing society.

Dates to Remember

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| Friday 19 August | 8.55am Assembly
3.15pm Last session of Active After School Activities on a Friday
Activities commence again on Wednesday 14 September |
| Friday 26 August | Winter Carnival in Pemberton |

Student Council

Congratulations to those on our new student council:

Chelsea Bedford    School Captain
Ashlen Fry              Deputy School Captain
Zane Sawyer             Student Councillor
Jessica Larkman              Student Councillor
Siobhan Blake                      Student Councillor
Haig Egerton Warburton      Student Councillor
Cohen Taylor                       Student Councillor

We wish these students all the best for their time on the Student Council.

Assembly

The first assembly this term is tomorrow. The PP/ Year 1 class will be conducting the assembly with performances from the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6/7 classes. Our Aussie of the Month winners and The Harvey Norman Award for achievement will also be presented.

We welcome all parents to the assembly.

Winter Carnival

The students in Year 4-7 are looking forward to participating in the Primary School Winter Carnival in Pemberton. This is always an enjoyable event to be involved in and we hope everyone has a good day. This year we are fielding two netball teams, two unihoc teams and one soccer team. We hope a few parents can come along and support us.

Walpole OP Shop

Thank you to the Walpole OP Shop for their kind donation of $500 towards gym equipment and their donation to the P & C of $500 towards home readers. The students will get great enjoyment out of both projects.

Tingledale Bus

Welcome to Lorraine Bain who will be a relief driver from time to time.

Fremantle Children’s Literature Centre-
Young Writers Day, Albany

Siobhan Blake, Ashlen Fry and Paige Aggiss will be attending the Young Writers Day at Great Southern Grammar tomorrow. The girls will meet author, Julia Lawrinson and participate in a number of writing activities. We hope they can share some of their experiences through the next newsletter.

Canberra Camp

Only two weeks to go! All the planning is complete and the excitement is rising. Students will be keeping a diary via the school website, www.walpoleps.det.wa.edu.au, so check out the fun.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

We have had a couple of cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease. This is a common, acute, viral infection and is highly contagious.

If your child develops blisters in the mouth and on hands and feet please exclude from school until the blisters have formed crusts that are dry.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Friday Lunches

We are looking for 3 to 4 parents who are willing to volunteer to be on a roster to assist the students prepare Friday Lunches. Preparation begins at 11am. If you are able to help, please leave your name at the Front office.

Kind Regard
Sarah Walker
Acting Principal
DANCE FOR THE FUN OF IT INCURSION

On Friday the 12th August, Jake from Dance For The Fun Of It came to talk to us about dancing. He also showed us Ballroom dancing, Ballet, Hip-Hop and the Hard Style Shuffle. He told us where they started. He also showed and sung a sailors dance. He also got kids up to do the Congo line, activities with ribbons and some break dancing.

It was very entertaining and I think we all enjoyed it.

By William Roocke, Year 4

2011 – 2012 VACSWIM

Lessons are open to anyone who is five years and older on the first day of classes. Enrolments for October and January classes are completed and sent direct to the VacSwim Office (PO Box 130 Tuart Hill, WA, 6939); or online at www.det.wa.edu.au. Enrolments must be received by 7 September 2011 for the October program and 9 November 2011 for the December/January program. For more information contact VacSwim on 9344 0900 or visit VacSwim website at www.det.wa.edu.au.

P&C News

Thank you to all who supported the Quiz night. The Curries were delicious and the quiz a great success with over $1000.00 raised. Thank you to all who helped over the weekend.

So far this year’s fundraising money has gone to:-
• Mathletics program
• Home reading books
• School sports shirts for interschool competitions

Future projects include:-
• Painting the playground with games and activities.
• Providing money for the additions to the new classroom.

Minutes of all meetings are kept at the Front Office.

A suggestions/topics of interest box will be at the front office from Friday 19th for parents and interested community member to use.

Please read the P&C information pamphlet at the end of the newsletter for further information on the association.

Thank you, P&C Committee

AFRIKAN TRIBAL “many tribes….one spirit”

Lawrence Oboh an indigene of West Africa will be coming to Walpole to conduct a 2 hour Traditional African Djembe Drumming Workshop for adults and children on 23 October 2011. Cost: $150 Adults $90 Children

For more information contact Wanda Speller 0417953874. Registration forms can be collected from Aradia Blue Gift Shop.
P&C Associations are the forum for parents and citizens in government schools who have an interest in their children's education.

**What is a Parents and Citizens' Association?**

Parents and Citizens' Associations (P&C) are established under the School Education Act 1999 for the purpose of supporting a strong government school system for the benefit of all students.

A P&C comprises parents and guardians of children attending a school or group of schools and other interested persons over the age of 18 years who have paid an annual subscription. The Principal of the School is an ex officio member.

**P&Cs meet on a regular basis in most government schools throughout Western Australia.**

The functions of a P&C are to:

- **encourage** parents to participate in developing the school's educational policy.
- develop parent participation and involvement in the school.
- be the **forum** for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community and for gathering opinions.
- **promote** and **support** communication and cooperation within the school community and to bring educational matters to the attention of the wider community.
- have **representation** on the School Council.
- have **representation** on the local District Council of P&C Associations.
- **provide** extra resources for the benefit of government school students.

**The P&C and fundraising**

The P&C is free to provide resources to the school as it sees fit but is not required to do so.

P&C Associations are not simply there to fundraise and indeed may elect to avoid fundraising in preference to other activities, such as discussion of educational issues and school policies.

However, all surplus funds of the P&C (including surplus funds held in other P&C accounts) must be used for the benefit of students attending government schools.